

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Mary S. Rogone and Austin J. Webber, II
Assignee: Small Beginnings, Inc.
Title: THERMAL AND HUMIDITY BARRIER FOR EXTREMELY PREMATURE INFANTS
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Washington, D. C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 19, 1999, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 18-20. Please add Claims 21-23. Please amend claims 1, 2, 5-8, and 10-17. All claims have been reproduced below even if not being amended for the Examiner's convenience.

(Amended) A thermal and moisture barrier for use with a specialized heating and humidifying apparatus having a bed portion used in the care of a neonatal infant comprising[;]:

a substantially flexible cover defining when placed over the bed an enclosure to accommodate a neonatal infant; and

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